

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincerest condolences to the family and friends
4 of Thomas O'Connor, who passed away on August 22, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on June 8, 1931 in Chicago and raised on
6 the city's South Side, Thomas O'Connor was a founding member
7 of the Alsip Park District and a commissioner on the park
8 board; and

9 WHEREAS, With the assistance of the members of the Alsip
10 Little League and men's softball league, which he helped
11 organize, Mr. O'Connor helped establish the Alsip Park
12 District in 1965; he also worked as a part-time employee at
13 the park district's Fountain Hills Golf Course and was a
14 retired truck driver; and

15 WHEREAS, A Korean War veteran, Mr. O'Connor was a member
16 of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion
17 chapters; he was also a member of the St. Terrence Men's Club
18 and the Alsip Sportsmen's Club; and

19 WHEREAS, A resident of Alsip since 1961, Mr. O'Connor was
20 actively involved in Alsip politics and was a member of the
21 Alsip's Peoples Party; his wife, Nancy, who preceded him in
22 death, designed the Alsip village flag; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Connor was very dedicated to his family;
24 he made sure to attend many of his children's functions when
25 they were growing up and often came to watch his
26 grandchildren play sports; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Connor was a very generous man; he
28 literally was known to have given the shirt off his back to a
29 stranger; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Connor is survived by his sons, Gabriel

1 O'Connor, Mark O'Connor, and Daniel O'Connor; his daughter,
2 Nancy J. O'Connor; and his five grandchildren; therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
6 all who knew him, the death of Thomas O'Connor of Alsip,
7 Illinois; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Thomas O'Connor with our sincere
10 condolences.